

Hello Pravda! We're seeing what happens when one political party owns the executive, legislative and judicial branches of our federal government and then has both the media and the "independent" oversight commission in it's pocket.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Republican Commissioner Powell has sided with this smear tactic right before the election, in violation of the FCC's equal time rules and showing his bias. I doubt Mr. Powell would take such a stand if a media giant forced its TV stations to air Fahrenheit 9/11!

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This blatant partisanship is hardly in the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, especially those with a partisan political agenda, we get more of what's good for the corporate bottom line and the Republican Party and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not

weaken them.
Sinclair has done everything in their power to subvert the current rules, which the FCC under Powell is allowing because they are major financial supporters of the Republican Party. When media companies refuse to serve the public good, they should have their licenses revoked. Thank you.